

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Mercanti on 6/9/2010.

The application has been amended, notably in the specification (page 2, lines 4-6) as follows:

"Said object is achieved with a process ~~and a machine~~, the main features of which are described in claims 1 ~~and 17, respectively~~, while other features are described in the remaining claims."

Supplemental Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The folding and welding step as required by the immediate application is neither taught nor suggested by the teachings of the prior art. While Polegato does teach that a portion of a water-proofing membrane is folded and attached, this portion is folded and attached to the product, and not to itself - which is required by the amended claims of the immediate application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KEITH T. AZIZ whose telephone number is (571)270-7658. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00am-6:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katarzyna I. Wyrozebski can be reached on (571)272-1127. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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